ARKANSAS HOG AND PIG REPORT

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This report contains the results of the quarterly Hog and Pig Survey conducted during the first half of June 2004. A random sample of approximately 65 hog producers in Arkansas (about 9,550 in U.S.) provided the inventory data for the reference date of June 1. The data are also posted on our home page at the Internet address above, and more detailed U.S. statistics at http://www.usda.gov/nass/. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire or interview for the survey.

JUNE 1 HOG INVENTORY UP 24 PERCENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER

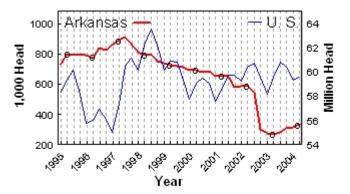
ARKANSAS inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2004, totaled 335,000 head, up 24 percent from June 1, 2003, and up 8 percent from March 1, 2004. Breeding hog inventory was 85,000 head, up 13 percent, and market hog inventory was 250,000 head, up 28 percent from a year earlier.

UNITED STATES: All hog and pig inventory on June 1, 2004 was 60.1 million head, 1 percent above both June 1, 2003 and March 1, 2004. **Breeding inventory**, at 5.91 million head, was down 2 percent from June 1, 2003. **Market hog inventory**, at 54.2 million head, was 1 percent above last year.

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, JUNE 1, 2004 WITH COMPARISONS, ARKANSAS AND U. S.

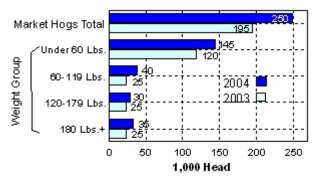
	ARKANSAS				UNITED STATES				
			Jun. 1, 2004					Jun. 1, 2004	
	Jun. 1	Mar. 1	Jun. 1	as % of	Jun. 1	Mar. 1	Jun. 1	as % of	
Item	2003	2004	2004	Jun. 1, 2003	2003	2004	2004	Jun. 1, 2003	
	1,000 Head Pero			Percent		1,000 Head		Percent	
All Hogs and Pigs	270	315	335	124	59,602	59,315	60,083	101	
Breeding	75	85	85	113	6,006	5,917	5,913	98	
Market	195	230	250	128	53,596	53,397	54,169	101	
Market Hogs & Pigs									
by Weight Groups:									
Under 60 pounds	120	135	145	121	20,433	19,684	20,308	99	
60-119 Pounds	25	30	40	160	12,972	12,990	13,251	102	
120-179 Pounds	25	30	30	120	10,828	11,146	11,077	102	
180 Pounds and Over	25	35	35	140	9,363	9,579	9,535	102	

Quarterly Hog and Pig Inventory Arkansas and U. S., 1995 - 2004



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Market Hog Inventory by Weight Group Arkansas, June 1, 2003 and 2004



MARCH-MAY FARROWINGS, PIG CROP AND PIGS PER LITTER

ARKANSAS: The March-May 2004 **pig crop** totaled 398,000 head, up 14 percent from the same quarter last year. **Sows farrowed** during this period was 41,000 head, up 14 percent, and represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. **Pigs saved per litter** for the quarter averaged 9.70, unchanged from the same period in 2003.

Arkansas hog producers intend to have 46,000 **sows farrow** during the next June-August quarter, up 24 percent from the actual farrowings for the period in 2003. Intended farrowings for September-November quarter, at 46,000 sows, are 31 percent above the actual farrowings during the same quarter in 2003.

FARROWINGS: MARCH-MAY QUARTER, AND INTENTIONS FOR JUNE-AUGUST QUARTER

		ARKANSAS				UNITED STATES			
Item	Unit	2003	2004	% Chg. 03-04	Intent. Jun-Aug	2003	2004	% Chg. 03-04	Intent. Jun-Aug
				Percent				Percent	
Sows Farrowed	1,000 Head	36	41	+ 14	46	2,885	2,857	-1	2,867
Pigs per Litter	Head	9.70	9.70	0	-	8.88	8.93	+ 1	-
Pig Crop ¹	1,000 Head	349	398	+ 14	-	25,627	25,520	0	-

¹ Number of pigs born during March-May that were still on hand June 1, or had been sold.

